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R 130800Z MAR 78
FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9395
INFO CINCPAC
USLO PEKING
AMEMBASSY TAIPEI
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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINS
SUBJ: HONG KONG'S PROC-CONTROLLED PRESS ON CHINA AIRLINES
INCIDENT

REF: A) HONG KONG 3134; B) HONG KONG 2419

1. THE HONG KONG PRC-CONTROLLED PRESS GAVE PROMINENT
NEWS COVERAGE TO THE MAR 9 CHINA AIRLINES (CAL) INCIDENT IN
HONG KONG IN WHICH A CREW MEMBER WAS SHOT DURING WHAT MAY
HAVE BEEN AN ATTEMPTED HIJACKING TO THE MAINLAND (REF A)
THE PRC-CONTROLLED PRESS HAS ALSO, HOWEVER, UNDERTAKEN TO
REBUT PUBLIC SUGGESTIONS THAT PEKING IS AT LEAST INDIRECTLY
RESPONSIBLE BECAUSE OF ITS RECENTLY RENEWED OFFER
(REF B) OF REWARDS FOR DEFECTORS FROM TAIWAN.

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2. THE HSIN WAN PAO (MAR 10) ARGUES RATHER DEFENSIVELY
THE "PEKING DOES NOT ENDORSE ANY KIND OF INTERNATIONAL
HIJACKING" AND HAS NOT APPEALED FOR TAIWAN CIVILIAN
SHIPS AND PLANES TO DEFECT. WHILE THE PAPER ADMITS
THE RECENT PRC CALL FOR ROC MILITARY PERSONNEL TO
DEFECT MAY HAVE BEEN AN INFLUENCING FACTOR IN THIS CASE
(IF IT WAS IN FACT A HIJACK ATTEMPT) IT STRESSES THE

MILITARY NATURE OF THE APPEAL. IT ARGUES THAT SINCE
A STATE OF CIVIL WAR STILL EXISTS BETWEEN THE PLA AND
THE "CHIANG ARMY", IT IS "NORMAL TO ISSUE SUCH A CALL"
TO DEFECT.

3.THE COMMENTARY ADDS THAT WHILE DEFECTING CIVILIAN
PEOPLE, PLANES AND BOSTS "WILL NOT BE UNWELCOME",
CHINA WOULD RETURN TO TAIWAN ANY VESSELS AND PEOPLE WHO
ENTER THE MAINLAND FOR REASONS OTHER THAN DEFECTION.
IT NOTES THAT TAIWAN FISHING BOATS AND FISHERMEN IN THE
TAIWAN STRAIT HAVE FREQUENTLY BEEN FORCED ASHORE AND
CHINA HAS INVARIBALY RETURNED THEM.
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